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A3 --corresponding quality indication. The word
"comprising" does not--.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--;

after line 7, delete in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Sub B' 1. (Amended) A picture signal processing method[] comprising the steps [of]:

receiving an analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)] and a quality indication [(QI1, QI2)] relating to the analog picture

5 signal [(APS1, APS2)]; and

processing [(PSP)] the analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)] in dependence on the quality indication [(QI1, QI2)].

AA 0062551-003900 2. (Amended) [A] The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the processing step [(PSP)] includes a picture enhancement operation.

3. (Amended) [A] The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the picture enhancement operation [(PSP)] is a sharpness and/or contrast improving operation.

4. (Amended) [A] The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the picture enhancement operation [(PSP)] is a noise or encoding artifact reduction operation.

5. (Amended) [A] The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2) has been obtained] is formed by decoding a digital picture signal [that has been obtained by encoding] having been encoded at a bit-rate and/or at a compression

5 ratio and/or at a quantization level, and wherein the quality indication [(QI1, QI2)] is the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

6. (Amended) A picture signal processing device, comprising:
means for receiving an analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)] and a quality indication [(QI1, QI2)] relating to the analog picture signal; and

means [(PSP)] for processing the analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)] in dependence on the quality indication [(QI1, QI2)].

7. (Amended) A television receiver [(TV)] comprising:
[a] the picture signal processing device [(PSP)] as claimed in claim 6 for furnishing a processed picture signal; and
means [(DD)] for displaying the processed picture signal.

8. (Amended) A picture signal supplying method[,] comprising the steps [of]:

supplying an analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)]; and

supplying a quality indication [(QI1, QI2)] relating to

5 the analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)].

9. (Amended) [A] The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2) has been obtained] is formed by decoding a digital picture signal [that has been obtained by encoding] having been encoded at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, and wherein the quality indication [(QI1, QI2)] is the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

10. (Amended) A picture signal supplying device, comprising:
means for supplying an analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)]; and
means for supplying a quality indication [(QI1, QI2)] relating to the analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)].

11. (Amended) [A] The picture signal supplying device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the picture signal supplying device further [comprising] comprises:

means for decoding [(DEC1, DEC2)] a digital picture signal [that has been obtained by encoding] having been encoded at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, to furnish the analog picture signal [(APS1, APS2)], the quality indication [(QI1, QI2)] being the bit-rate and/or the compression

ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about
10 the encoding or decoding.

12. (Amended) A record player [(RP),] comprising:

means for retrieving a digital picture signal from a
record [(DVD)]; and

[a] the picture signal supplying device [(DEC1)] as
5 claimed in claim 11.

13. (Amended) A picture signal receiver [(STB),] comprising:

means [(A2)] for receiving a digital picture signal; and

[a] the picture signal supplying device [(DEC2)] as
claimed in claim 11.